

Interview SummaryApplication No.
09/058,350

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Examiner

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1623

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 1-16-01.

2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 2-11 and 13-34 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 2-11 and 13-34 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.

11) The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) approved b) disapproved.

12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

13) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

a) All b) Some* c) None of:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

14) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

15) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 18) Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____

16) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 19) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

17) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). 15 20) Other: _____

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Response to Arguments

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The following is in response to the amendment filed 1/16/01:

An action on the merits of claims 2-11 and 13-34 is contained herein below.

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The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

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35 U.S.C. § 103
Applicant's arguments filed 11/08/2000 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

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Claims 2-11, 13-22 and newly added 23-34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Sambrook et al. (Molecular Cloning: A Laboratory Manual, Second Edition; Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, Cold Spring Harbor, NY, 1989) in combination with Chomczynski (5,346,994) and newly cited Perlman, U.S. Patent No. 5,098,603.

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Claims 2 - 11 are directed to an RNA isolation reagent comprising at least one nonionic detergent (0.1 - 1.0%), a chelating agent (20 - 250 mM), a phenol (10%-60%), and a phenol stabilizer (15-55%).

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Claims 13-34 are directed to a RNA extraction reagent and a method for providing cytoplasmic RNA from a sample comprising mixing said sample with an RNA extraction reagent comprising at least one nonionic detergent, at least one phenol and at least one phenol solubilizer, adding a haloalkane to the mixture and precipitating cytoplasmic RNA.

Applicant asserts "that contrary to the Examiner's assertion, the specification at page 2 does not acknowledge that Sambrook discloses a method for isolating RNA that uses phenol." Although the instant specification does not state the use of phenol by

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